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QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L OSLO 4345

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PLOS, NO

SUBJECT: LOS: FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND'S REPLY TO SECRETARY'S LETT
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REFS: (A) OSLO 4197, (B) OSLO 4196, (C) STATE 213536

SUMMARY: IN REPLY TO SECRETARY'S RECENT MESSAGE TO HIM ON LOS,
FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND HAS REPLIED EXPRESSING FIRM NORWEGIAN
SUPPORT FOR STEPS NEEDED TO REACH AGREEMENT AT LOS CONFERENCE.
FRYDENLUND ALSO INDICATES HE PLANS ATTEND UNGA SESSION AND
EXPRESSES HOPE HE CAN MEET WITH SECRETARY WHEN THERE (OSLO 3829).
END SUMMARY

1. FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND ASKED EMBASSY SEPT 3 TO FORWARD
HIS REPLY TO SECRETARY'S MESSAGE TO HIM OF AUGUST 28 ON LOS
CONFERENCE. ORIGINAL OF FRYDENLUND'S LETTER BEING POUCHED.
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TEX FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF THE 28TH AUGUST REGARDING
THE SITUATION AT THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE.

I WHOLLY AGREE WITH YOU THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS NOW ARE IN
A CRUCIAL STAGE AND THAT IT IS OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE TO REACH
AGREEMENT ON THE MAJOR UNRESOLVED PROBLEMS.

IN THE COMMUNIQUE FROM THE MEETING OF THE NORDIC FOREIGN
MINISTERS IN COPENHAGEN 19-20 AUGUST, THE IMPORTANCE OF SUCCESS
OF THE LOS CONFERENCE AND OF SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS BEING MADE
AT THE PRESENT SESSION WAS STRESSED. AT THE SAME TIME THE
MINISTERS SAID THEY WOULD SUPPORT THE HOLDING OF ANOTHER WORKING
SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE IF THIS SHOULD BECOME NECESSARY TO
CONCLUDE THE WORK.

YOUR LETTER HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO THE NORWEGIAN DELEGATION
TO THE LOS CONFERENCE WHICH WILL, AS BEFORE, DO ITS UTMOST TO
ADVANCE THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH A VIEW TO OBTAINING A SETTLEMENT
BASED ON A REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION OF INTERESTS WHICH COULD
COMMAND BROAD SUPPORT AMONG THE WORLD'S NATIONS.

I PLAN TO ATTEND THE FORTHCOMING SESSION OF THE UN
GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM 26 SEPTEMBER TO 1 OCTOBER. IF YOU SHOULD
BE IN NEW YORK AT THAT TIME I WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE HAVING
A SHORT TALK WITH YOU.

SINCERELY YOURS,

KNUT FRYDENLUND

END TEXT ANDERS UNQUOTE ROBINSON

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